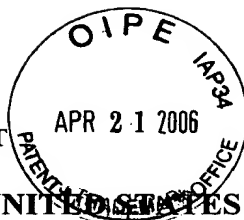


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thomas DANIEL, et al.

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EXAMINER: METZMAIER

FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

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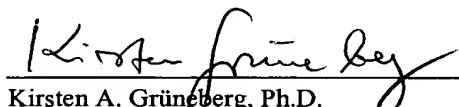
It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to May 13, 2006 for

- ☐ filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☒ filing a Notice of Appeal. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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